

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

AVENILLA CASTIEN-KERSTETER,

Plaintiff,

v.

GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-6071BHS

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff Avenilla Castien-Kersteter's Motion to Remand to Clark County Superior Court. [Dkt. # 10]. This underinsured motorist insurance case was properly removed because Castien-Kersteter's initial complaint named only an out-of-state defendant, Geico General Insurance Co.

Castien-Kersteter has since amended her complaint to add a non-diverse defendant, Lori McAllister. [Dkt. # 8]. She argues that she did so for bona fide reasons and that McAllister's presence in the case destroys diversity under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). Geico has not responded to the Motion.

1 Castien-Kersteter's Motion to Remand for lack of diversity jurisdiction is
2 **GRANTED.** This matter is REMANDED to Clark County Superior Court.

3 The Clerk shall close the case.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated this 12th day of January, 2021.

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8 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
9 United States District Judge
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